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Region 3 Staff Schedules Listening Session for NE Pennsylvania Residents - On November 8, 2011, EPA R3 staff conducted an in-house listening session for 21 residents who came to express their concerns related to natural gas drilling operations, specifically in northeastern Pennsylvania areas. The residents read from written statements, which were then submitted to EPA for consideration. Most residents concluded their statements by asking EPA to conduct a Susquehanna River Basin Forum, similar to the one held for the Delaware River Basin. The three hour meeting was met with appreciation for EPA's willingness to meet with the residents and listen to their concerns. (Mike D'Andrea, 4-5615)(Trish Taylor, 4-5539)(David Polish, 4-3327)(Karen Johnson, 4-5445)(Bob Helverson, 4-3139) (Vicky Binetti, 4-5757)(Angela McFadden, 4-2324)(Andrew Hass, 4-2049)(Jerry Heston, 4-3273)(Chuck Kanetsky, 4-2735)(Allysa Suero, 4-5733)(Jennie Saxe, 4-5806).

Region 3 Staff Visits Dimock Residents to Listen to Drinking Water Concerns - Dimock, PA - On Thursday, November 10, 2011, representatives from EPA R3 and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) will visit with approximately 8 - 12 residents on Carter Road who have expressed concerns about natural gas drilling operations potentially affecting their drinking water supply. The one-on-one meetings will be a listening opportunity for both agencies to gather additional information. (David Polish, 4-3327)(Karen Johnson, 4-5445)(Bob Helverson, 4-3139)

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